

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is made to eliminate informalities in the specification, claims and abstract resulting from a literal translation of the French text, to insert heading to conform to U.S. format, and to eliminate the use of multiple dependent claims.

The present application is believed to be in condition for examination, which action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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Complete Set of Amended Claims Showing Amendments Made By**Bracketing and Underlining:**

1 --9. (old claim 1) [Computing] A computing machine (1) comprising a RAM
 2 (3) and a mass memory (5) [in which an] operating system for the machine [is] stored
 3 in the mass memory, [characterized in that] the mass memory (5) [comprises]
 4 including a partition (8), said partition being [that is] read-only accessible to the
 5 operating system, [said partition (8)] and containing a startup function, an automatic
 6 repair function, and a mounting function for mounting said operating system.

7 10. (old claim 2) [Computing] A computing machine according to claim [1]
 8 9, characterized in that said startup function comprises a first code sequence for
 9 loading the contents of the partition (8) into the RAM (3) and a second code
 10 sequence for activating [in RAM] said automatic repair function in the RAM.

11 11. (old claim 3) [Computing] A computing machine according to claim [2]
 12 10, characterized in that said automatic repair function comprises a third code
 13 sequence that calls said mounting function, executable in RAM (3) with write
 14 capability in at least one other partition (9) of the mass memory (5).

15 12. (old claim 4) [Computing] A computing machine according to claim [3]
 16 11, characterized in that said automatic repair function comprises a fourth code
 17 sequence for acknowledging an error indicated by said mounting function and a fifth
 18 code sequence for restarting the machine after the acknowledgement of the error.

13. (old claim 5) [Computing] A computing machine according to claim [4] 12, characterized in that said partition (8) contains a standard acknowledgement function and in that the fourth code sequence calls said standard acknowledgement function executable in RAM with write capability in at least one other partition (9) of the mass memory.

14. (old claim 6) [Computing] A computing machine according to [any of the preceding claims] claim 9, characterized in that the mass memory (5) is a hard disk.

15. (new claim) A computing machine according to claim 9, further including a switch for resetting the RAM and restarting the machine.

16 (old claim 7) [Method] A method for automatically starting a computing machine (1) [comprising] having a RAM (3) and a mass memory (5) having an operating system stored therein, characterized in that it comprises:

- [a first step (14) that starts] starting operation of the machine (1) by means of a signal (7);
- [a second step (15) that automatically loads] loading into RAM (3) the contents of a partition (8) of the mass memory (5);
- [a third step (16) that automatically mounts] mounting an operating system from the RAM (3); and
- [a fourth step (17) that automatically acknowledges] acknowledging any error indicated in [the third step (16) and that reactivates the second step (15)] mounting the operating system and reactivating the loading of the contents.

1 17. (old claim 8) [Method] A method according to claim [7] 16,
2 characterized in that it comprises, in the manufacturing phase of the machine (1):
3 – [a fifth step (11) that creates] creating partitions (8, 9) in the mass
4 memory (5);
5 – [a sixth step (12) that stores] storing at least part of the operating
6 system and functions for executing the second, third and fourth steps
7 (15, 16, 17) in a first partition (8); and
8 – [a seventh step (14) that declares] declaring said first partition (8) to be
9 read-only accessible to said operating system.-

Abstract Showing Changes Made Using Brackets and Underlining:**ABSTRACT****[COMPUTING MACHINE WITH HARD STOP-TOLERANT DISK FILE
MANAGEMENT SYSTEM]**

[The] A computing machine (1) comprises a RAM (3) and a mass
 5 memory (5) in which an operating system is stored. The mass memory (5)
 comprises a partition (8) that is read-only accessible to the operating system.
 [, said] Said partition (8) [containing] contains a startup function, an automatic
 repair function, and a function for mounting said operating system.

[Fig. 1]

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